

6 October 1970

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Gerald Burke, Executive Secretary of PFIAB Regarding General Cushman's Remarks to the Board on Intelligence Support of Foreign Policy**

1. On 6 October I asked Gerry Burke for assistance in clarifying the Board's interest in connection with General Cushman's scheduled remarks on 9 October regarding "the use of intelligence in the formulation and execution of foreign policy."

2. Mr. Burke said that the Board members wanted to hear about the Intelligence Community's procedures and mechanisms for support to our policy makers and diplomats "in the tactical sense." The Board's interest in the subject was whetted by recent events in the Middle East.

3. Burke continued that the Board wanted to know if the Intelligence Community had "any systematic way" for making certain that U.S. policy makers and diplomats received the tactical intelligence support needed in conducting international conferences and negotiations. Additionally, are there procedures for insuring that the Intelligence Community receives pertinent requirements for tactical intelligence support from the policy makers and the State Department?

4. Mr. Burke cited the following questions as examples of the Board's interest:

a. Does the Intelligence Community arrange for Special Intelligence and other technical support to assist the conduct of negotiations?

b. Are clandestine resources directed to obtain information on the other side's position during important negotiations? Is a systematic effort made to employ human and electronic resources in direct tactical support of U.S. negotiators?

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